mixed traffic condition, ovcrspccding, overloading, drunken driving, mechanical defects in vehicles, etc. responsible for road accidents.

Remedial steps taken/contemplated by the Government involve engineering and managerial efforts like strengthening and widening of roads, road signalcs, improvement of road geometries, training, awareness, enforcement, etc.

(c) Does not arise.

Unplanned purchase during Kargil war

*589. SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "MoD shopping spree during Kargil shows bad planning: CAG" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 30th March, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A draft review titled "Special Audit on purchase of stores for Operation-Vijay (Kargil)", for inclusion in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, for the year ended 31.3.2000, has been received from the Director General of Audit, Defence Services in December, 2000. Observations in this Report relate mainly to some procurements made during Operation-Vijay, delayed delivery of equipment and ammunitions, single vendor procurements and faulty supplies. These observations are being examined in consultation with Army Headquarters.